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Hello to all our new and returning health sciences students, I hope you had a good break this summer. While you were away, some important changes have taken place within our building. The changes reflect the trend of libraries evolving from depositories of print materials to destinations for users to come to work individually and in groups.

Every carrel on the 3rd and 4th floors is now within easy reach of an outlet into which you can plug your laptop computer. This was done to increase the number of outlets needed by students. Likewise, we wanted to eliminate the tracking of electrical cords across walkways on the 3rd and 4th floors which posed a safety hazard to others. As you settle into a study carrel, be sure to look at the base of the carrel or immediately adjacent to it for a plug. If you have any difficulties, please ask the staff to assist you. Plans for the coming year also include adding additional data and electrical outlets to the 2nd floor Information Commons.

By now you may have noticed the books formerly shelved on the North/South wing of the 3rd floor have been moved. Over the summer they were moved into the shelving in the East/West wing under the half-domed roof. As we have added stable digital back files, our journal collection has greatly expanded, but many of the print volumes of these same journal titles were seldom or never used. Through a careful weeding process, older, infrequently used print journals were retired making room for consolidation of all print materials to the larger and better lighted of our stacks galleries.

Future renovation to the North/South wing of the 3rd floor will include a small multi-purpose classroom, nine office/group study rooms, and a 12 seat conference room. The new classroom will seat approximately 40 people and be used by library personnel during the day and by student groups after business hours. Student Affairs will move to the 3rd floor and occupy 4 offices for counseling and advising activities. The remaining 5 office/study rooms will be available for group study and collaboration.

The last planned modification includes constructing a canopy over the main library entrance to protect visitors from inclement weather. We also anticipate this will make the library easier to find within the Health Sciences Building.

Finally, I would like to conclude by taking this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Ginny M. Boyer to Laupus Library as our new Head of Collection Management and Metadata Librarian. A native of Washington, NC, Ginny holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History degree from UNC Wilmington and the Masters in Information and Library Science degree from Florida State University. She previously worked as a staff member with Joyner Library where she served as a key member of the implementation team for our new Symphony Integrated Library System. Ginny will fill the position previously held by Mrs. Patricia Greenstein who retired in April 2010 after 14 years with Laupus Library.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Spencer, PhD
Director, Laupus Library
Associate Vice Chancellor
Communication & Information Resources
Two Eastern AHEC (EAHEC) Regional Hospitals, Beaufort Regional Health Systems (BRHS) in Washington, NC and Carteret General Hospital (CGH) in Morehead City, NC have each been awarded $3,480 to improve their respective libraries with new technology. Each hospital applied for and was approved to purchase computer equipment by the National Networks of the Libraries on Medicine (NNLM) with the help of Laupus Library’s Eastern AHEC Librarian, Jeff Coghill. “We used the initial project at Pungo District Hospital and built upon that success to help obtain funds for this project,” Jeff noted. The plan is to purchase 4-6 computers and a network printer for each location. These new machines will help staff and the public search for medical information, train the staff of each respective institution, and to access the Internet.

EAHEC is contracted with Laupus Library and has a longstanding relationship with both BRHS and CGH. Both hospitals are a part of the EAHEC 23-county region in Eastern North Carolina. EAHEC contracted services include an agreement to provide library services and support for the hospitals of Eastern North Carolina.

After visits to hospitals in the Eastern AHEC Region, Jeff Coghill began assessing the needs of libraries in those hospitals. The hospitals that had the most need were targeted first. The small collection of books at CGH was outdated and underutilized. Plus, at CGH, the library is also used as a conference room for staff and is located near the front door of the hospital, a high traffic area. A plan was formulated to update the library space with new computers and a printer. “The staff use the library, but also, during the summer months, we have a huge influx of patients and their families here at our hospital. Family members want to access information on the Internet and with this award we can serve both the staff and family members of patients,” remarked Debbie McLean, Education Programs Specialist at Carteret. At Beaufort Regional Health Systems, Jeff worked with Kathy Hodges and Amy Sasnett to bring a needed infusion of hardware into the hospital’s Education Services Center. BRHS does quite a bit of staff training onsite. The Education Services Center gets plenty of traffic through its doors. With limited funds going towards a print library collection, the move to go digital has taken hold at BRHS. “With these additional systems and training on HSL resources, staff will have the ability to research an expansive database for the latest available information versus a limited number of dated print materials,” Amy Sasnett commented. “We are very excited about receiving this award.”

The last time a project of this type was completed was in 2004. At BRHS, there are 4 aging computers in the Education Services Center. The plan is to replace those with new computers and a printer. At CGH, there was one dated computer in the library. The plan here is to replace one lone computer with at least 4-5 computers and a network printer. Also, training will be provided to staff for databases such as PubMed®, MedlinePlus®, ClinicalTrials.gov, Household Products Database, Partners in Information Access to the Public Health Workforce, and ToxTown®.

“We will continue to aid other hospitals in our region to help them bring in new hardware and software to meet the needs of staff and patients alike,” noted Jeff Coghill. “There are other hospitals that need equipment to upgrade their services. Connecting the hospital library needs to funding sources fits nicely into ECU’s mission “to serve.” Being the AHEC and Outreach Librarian also allows me to affect staff training, and by extension, patient care for the citizens of our great state.”

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The Friends of Laupus Library provide much needed advocacy and support of the Library, the health sciences community, and East Carolina University through participation in Friends programs, special events, and awareness activities.

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Your membership will help to enhance the mission of Laupus Library by providing support for collections and programs, library sponsored special events, activities and exhibits, and the operation of the Friends of Laupus Library.

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The University, through the Office of Equity, Diversity & Community Relations, defines diversity “[…] in a broad context to include the representation, integration, and interaction of different races, genders, ages, ethnicities, cultures, national origins, abilities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identity, veteran status, socioeconomic status, intellectual positions, and perspectives.” Each month, the Laupus Library Diversity Committee chooses two topics (e.g., Native American Heritage Month and Migrant Workers in North Carolina) that are related to this broad idea of diversity. A major and often overlooked component of this definition is the interaction between divergent socioeconomic groups. That is, the interaction between and recognition of those groups that are, generally, considered to be the “have nots” and those considered to be the “haves.”

Charged by the incumbent chair, LaTasha Jones, the Diversity Committee has taken the all-encompassing definition a step further in planning a community-centered, back-to-school event. In collaboration with the Volunteer Service Learning Center (VSLC) and Joyner Library, the Committee sponsored the Be Kind to Humankind Food and School Supplies Drive. August 25th through the 31st marked the start and end of the week devoted to the celebration of kindness. Be Kind to Humankind was founded in 1988 by a woman who was dog tired of social apathy. “[It] is a celebration of people and the kind acts that they perform all across the globe,” said Lorraine Jara, founder. During the week (which ended up being extended for another five days), Laupus, Joyner, and the VSLC set up drop-off locations in the three locations for donations, and encouraged patrons, students, and colleagues via social media, posters and flyers, email, and word-of-mouth to “decide to be kind” and “do something.”

The driving concept of the Food and Supplies Drive was based on the aforementioned component of diversity, and on the very simple adage of doing for others just because you can. The Committee hoped to harness the collective ability of the community (the campus) for a greater good. All food donations went to the Campus Kitchen, a student-run operation embedded in the community with the mission of providing meals to those in need; and all school supplies went to Sadie Saulter Elementary, a Pitt County school located in the heart of west Greenville. In order to strengthen diversity in-house, it is ever imperative to explore and recognize the varying dimensions of diversity that reign externally. Though the Be Kind to Humankind campaign is fixed to take place in August, the Diversity Committee, again in partnership with Joyner the VSLC, hopes and plans to sponsor drives through the academic year in the same spirit.

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Chair, Diversity Committee
Laupus Library is hosting a national traveling exhibition of devotional paintings centered on illness, healing, and faith through November 6, 2010.

“Everyday Miracles: Medical Imagery in Ex-Votos” portrays the expression of an individual’s relationship with illness as illustrated in ex-votos, devotional paintings that give thanks to a saint or deity for a miraculous healing or blessing.

The poster exhibit of the ex-votos provides illustrations of how healing and faith have played a role in the lives of the faithful, and how prayer has been used to invoke the aid of saints as a means to heal the sick and end one’s suffering.

Ex-votos began in the 15th century in Italy and spread throughout the world, playing a role in the daily lives of the faithful especially in Mexico. They continued to be a popular expression of faith and healing in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the most prolific period of ex-voto production. While declining in the 20th century, artists still create them today. Most remain a personalized expression of thanks for a restoration of health, but have expanded to include the commemoration of a special event or to address a concern in an individual’s life.

Laupus Library is the first in North Carolina to host the exhibit, developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine. For more information, go to www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/events/everydaymiracles.cfm.

The exhibit is located on the library’s 4th floor in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery and is open during normal hours, posted at www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/hours.cfm or call 252-744-2219. Metered parking is available in front of the library.
Country Doctor Museum Receives Midwifery Collection:
A Significant Representation of Women’s Health History

Although the Country Doctor Museum’s extensive collection features a wide variety of medical artifacts, objects related to the practice of midwifery were, until recently, notably absent. In late 2009, Laupus Library’s History Program librarian Melissa Nasea alerted the Museum staff about the opportunity to apply for a late 19th century midwifery set from Providence Archives in Seattle, Washington. Providence Archives determined the midwifery objects did not fit within the scope of their collections and were looking for a new home for the set. Curator Anne Anderson submitted an application and after a review process Providence Archives selected the Museum as the recipient and the collection arrived in early 2010.

The midwifery set belonged to Emma Sandberg Vico, born 1874 in Sweden. She trained as a midwife at the Lying-In Hospital in Stockholm for 9 months in general delivery practices and an additional 3 months on instrument use. Emma immigrated to America in 1901. Upon arrival in the United States, Emma continued to work as a midwife outside the Chicago area until 1920.

As a professionally trained midwife in Sweden, Emma joined a carefully supervised system of midwife instruction and practice. During the late 19th century, professional midwives in Sweden contributed to significantly lower maternal mortality rates than seen in other developed countries including the United States. These trained midwives closely collaborated with physicians, were highly respected by their medical communities and attended most rural home births.

The midwifery artifacts enhance the Museum’s existing collection by creating a more comprehensive presentation of the history of medicine, especially in relation to the role of women in healthcare and women’s health history. The midwifery objects are currently on view near a suite of medical furniture and instruments from an obstetrics and gynecology practice used during the 1920s. Together, the displays lend to the discussion about the change of birth practices from home births attended by midwives to births in more clinical settings. The midwifery set visually represents a significant part of women’s health history and includes obstetrical forceps, clamps, tweezers, catheters, a fetal stethoscope, a lancet and file, needles and sutures, a birth record pamphlet, and leather birthing stirrups.

Emma’s last delivery was in 1946 for the daughter of a family friend whose baby made an “early entrance.” Since the late 1800s when Emma trained as a midwife, changing attitudes and practices reduced the prominence of midwives in many communities. Times have changed again and there is a renewed interest in the care and services provided by midwives, as evidenced by the nurse-midwifery graduate program at East Carolina University. The Country Doctor Museum welcomes you to take a guided tour and see the midwifery collection that connects the past to the present.
Multimedia Technology Services Provides Technical Support To Million Dollar Fundraiser

Weeks before the two day-long Children’s Miracle Network telethon is broadcast live from the Brody School of Medicine Auditorium, technicians from Multimedia & Technology Services (MTS) are hard at work. Preparations include running hundreds of feet of cable, hanging lights, installing cameras and microphones and other equipment to transform the auditorium into a television studio and stage.

During the live broadcast, businesses and people from across Eastern North Carolina donated $1,111,007. All proceeds will go towards helping children in Eastern North Carolina.

ECU-TV Whips Up New Cooking Show Featuring ECU and Community Partnership

Sometimes the best way to learn how to do something is by seeing how it’s done. That’s exactly what the new ECU-TV series “To Your Health” is designed to do. “The series promotes healthy eating and healthy meal preparation in a simple, easy to follow format,” says ECU-TV manager Tom Skinner. “We brought together faculty members from the ECU college of Human Ecology’s Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, and nutritionists from Pitt County, and various governmental agencies. To Your Health is a community-wide effort to promote healthy eating,” says Skinner.

The episodes run about five minutes long and feature easy to make, healthy meals and snacks. “The episodes were shot at various locations in Pitt County. Graphics and original music were added during editing” says producer Sam Saunders. “The series is designed to reach a wide variety of viewers. So far, the feedback has been positive,” Saunders added. Recipes include: grilled pork tenderloin, black bean vegetable lettuce wraps, trail snack mix, and fruit smoothies.

So far, ten episodes have been produced and air on ECU-TV. The programs focus on learning new ways to eat, such as adding more fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and cutting back on foods that have a lot of fat, salt, and sugar. Plans include several more installments covering holiday recipes, women’s health issues, weight loss, and children’s snacks.
August 30
Poliomyelitis: History, Conquest and Cost Analysis
John M. Lehman, PhD
Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Health Sciences
Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies, Brody School of Medicine
Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

September 27
Women and Medicine in 19th Century America
Todd Savitt, PhD
Professor, Medical Humanities

October 25
Holly Mathews, PhD
Professor, Department of Anthropology

November 29
The Resurfacing Debate: Historical Perspectives of Multiple Entry-Levels to RN Practice
April D. Mathias, MSN, RN, CNE
PhD Candidate, College of Nursing

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